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1            AN ACT Relating to a commission on psychoactive substance control;  
2 and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1) A commission on psychoactive substance  
5 control is created to investigate and make recommendations for  
6 alternative regulatory approaches to the production, distribution, and  
7 control of psychoactive substances with the objective of reducing  
8 crime, enhancing public health, protecting children, and promoting  
9 efficient use of scarce public resources.

10            (2) The governor shall appoint one member with expertise from each  
11 of the following fields after consultation with individuals and  
12 representative groups thereof: (a) Education, (b) mental health and  
13 substance abuse, (c) law enforcement, (d) medicine, (e) law, (f)  
14 judiciary, (g) local government, (h) public health, (i) labor, (j)  
15 business, (k) pharmacology, and (l) the public at large. The  
16 commission shall select a chairperson.

17            (3) Four members of the legislature shall be members of the  
18 commission, including two members of the senate appointed by the  
19 president of the senate, one from the majority and one from the

1 minority party, and two members of the house of representatives  
2 appointed by the speaker of the house, one from the majority and one  
3 from the minority party.

4 (4) The department of health shall staff the commission.

5 (5) Legislative members of the commission shall be reimbursed for  
6 travel expenses as provided in RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members  
7 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050  
8 and 43.03.060.

9 (6) The commission shall report its recommendations to the  
10 legislature by December 1, 2007.

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